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Some of the listed documents were cited in an International Search Report and a Written Opinion (copies enclosed) of the International Searching Authority during prosecution of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/001289.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 8-212193, the Examiner is directed to the English-language abstract attached thereto.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 6-237179, the Examiner is directed to the English-language abstract attached thereto and to JP 3203609 B2.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 10-28058, the Examiner is directed to the English-language abstract attached thereto and to corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,978,758.

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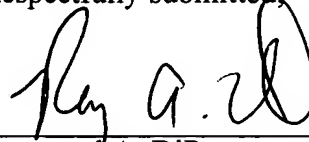
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